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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. Amendments to the specification are shown in **bold underlining**.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 14 presents an alignment of the nucleotide sequences for human **(SEQ ID NO:1)** and mouse **(SEQ ID NO:2)** IL-10 receptor sequences.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 15 shows an alignment of the nucleotide sequences of B7-1 (CD80) genes from human **(SEQ ID NO:3)**, rhesus monkey **(SEQ ID NO:4)**, and rabbit **(SEQ ID NO:5)**.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 70, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

The HBsAg polypeptide (PreS2 plus S regions) was truncated by the introduction of a stop codon at amino acid position 103 (counting from the beginning of the PreS2 initiator methionine), transforming a cysteine codon TGT into the Stop codon TGA. The amino acid sequence of the truncated protein was therefore:

MQWNSTTFHQTLQDPRVRGLYFPAGGSSSGTVNPVLTTASPLSSIFSRIGDPALN**M**ENITSGF LGPLLVLQAGFFLLTRILT**IPQSLDSWWTSL**NFLGGTTV* **(SEQ ID NO:6)**

where the standard single-letter code for amino acids is used. The methionine residues at the start of the PreS2 and S regions are underlined, and the mouse L^d-restricted CTL epitope is double-underlined; the asterisk (*) represents the artificially introduced Stop codon.

Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1-5, at the end of the application.